UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS 2004 JUL 20 P 11: 13

JUDITH THIBEAU and GEORGE THIBEAU, Plaintiffs,

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C.A. No. 04-10643 MLW SISTRICT COURT MASS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendant.

PLAINTIFFS' ASSENTED TO MOTION TO JOIN ADDITIONAL DEFENDANT AND CONSOLIDATE CASES

Pursuant to Rule 20 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, plaintiffs hereby move this court to join as defendant in this action the following entity: East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Corporation, which is the defendant in an action originally brought in Massachusetts Superior Court and which was removed to the U.S. District Court For The Eastern District Of Massachusetts. The case against the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Corporation is currently pending in this court and has been assigned Docket Number 04CV10951MLW. In the alternative and in addition plaintiffs move to consolidate the case against East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Corporation with the instant case, making the instant case the lead case.

As grounds for this motion plaintiffs state that the right to relief that they assert against the United States of America and the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Corporation arise out of the same occurrence, and that there are questions of fact common to all defendants that will arise in both cases. In particular, plaintiffs claims arise out of an accident suffered by plaintiff Judith Thibeau on September 24, 2002 on premises owned or maintained by the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Corporation, just after she had been treated at the Vision Center of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, which is funded and administered by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the above document was served upon the attorney of record for each other party by first class mail on July 19, 2004.

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